

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 91-55 as amended

Introduced by Council President Wilson at the
request of the County Executive
Legislative Day No. 91-28 Date October 1, 1991

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 202 of the Harford County Code, as amended, heading, PLUMBING, and to enact in lieu thereof, new Chapter 202, heading, PLUMBING, all to be added to the Harford County Code, as amended, to provide that Harford County shall adopt as its plumbing code, the 1990 Maryland State Plumbing Code and the National Fuel Gas Code N.F.P.A. 54 (1988 edition) with certain amendments thereto; and generally relating to plumbing regulations in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, October 1, 1991
Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: November 12, 1991
at: 6:00 P.M.
By Order: Doris Paulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on November 12, 1991, and concluded on, November 12, 1991

Doris Paulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. And Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford
2 County, Maryland, that Chapter 202, heading, PLUMBING, of the
3 Harford County Code (as amended), be, and is hereby repealed and
4 that Chapter 202, heading, PLUMBING, be, and is hereby added to the
5 Harford County Code, as amended, to stand in lieu of the repealed
6 chapter, all to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 202. PLUMBING

8 ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

9 SECTION 202-1. ADOPTION OF STANDARDS.

10 A. THE MARYLAND STATE PLUMBING CODE, 1990 (HEREINAFTER
11 REFERRED TO AS THE PLUMBING CODE), AS PUBLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD
12 OF PLUMBING IN THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS TITLE 09, SUBTITLE
13 20, IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND, BY REFERENCE THERETO, IS MADE A PART OF
14 THIS CHAPTER WITH THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS THOUGH SET OUT IN
15 FULL HEREIN, EXCEPT FOR SUCH CHANGES, AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS AS
16 ARE SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER. AT LEAST TWO (2) COPIES OF PLUMBING
17 CODE AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO ARE ON FILE AND OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE,
18 EXAMINATION AND INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
19 ADMINISTRATION.

20 B. THE NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE N.F.P.A. 54 (A.N.S.I. 2 Z-233.1)
21 1988 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY AMERICAN GAS ASSOC. AND NATIONAL FIRE
22 PROTECTION ASSOC. IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND, BY REFERENCE THERETO, IS
23 MADE A PART OF THIS CHAPTER WITH THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS
24 THOUGH SET OUT IN FULL HEREIN, SAVE AND EXCEPT FOR SUCH CHANGES,
25 AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS AS ARE SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER. AT
26 LEAST TWO (2) COPIES OF THE STANDARDS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO ARE
27 ON FILE AND OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE, EXAMINATION AND INSPECTION IN THE

1 THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION.

2 SECTION 202-2. PURPOSE.

3 THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IS TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL PLUMBING
4 AND GAS FITTING REGULATIONS TO SAFEGUARD PERSONS AND GAS FITTING
5 CONDITIONS IN HARFORD COUNTY.

6 ARTICLE II. PLUMBING CODE

7 SECTION 202-3. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY.

8 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL APPLY TO AND GOVERN
9 PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING REGULATIONS TO SAFEGUARD PERSONS AND GAS
10 FITTING CONDITIONS IN HARFORD COUNTY.

11 SECTION 202-4. MODIFICATIONS.

12 A. THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO CERTAIN
13 SECTIONS OF THE PLUMBING CODE:

14 (1) SUBSECTION 09.20.01.01 (23) IS DELETED AND THE
15 FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

16 "INSTALLATION OF GAS APPLIANCES AND GAS PIPING. ALL
17 INSTALLATIONS OF GAS APPLIANCES AND GAS PIPING SHALL CONFORM TO THE
18 REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE CODE PROMULGATED BY THE NATIONAL
19 STANDARD INSTITUTE (A.N.S.I.), NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE Z 223.1, 1988
20 EDITION WHICH IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE."

21 (3) A NEW SUBSECTION 09.20.02.01 (124) (B) (III) IS ADDED
22 AS FOLLOWS:

23 "'PLUMBING' MEANS THE PRACTICE AND MATERIALS IN THE
24 INSTALLATION, REPAIR, SERVICE AND REPLACEMENT OF GAS PIPING, GAS
25 UTILIZATION EQUIPMENT, AND ASSOCIATED ACCESSORIES."

26 (4) A NEW SUBSECTION 09.20.02.01 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

"'PLUMBING BOARD' MEANS THE HARFORD COUNTY PLUMBING BOARD AS FOUND IN CHAPTER 16 SECTION 16-7 OF THE HARFORD COUNTY CODE."

(5) A NEW SECTION .09.20.03.27 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

"FIBERGLASS OR PLASTIC TUB AND SHOWER ENCLOSURES CANNOT BE INSTALLED WITH FAUCETS BACK-TO-BACK UNLESS APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY."

(6) A NEW SECTION .09.20.03.28 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

"A STOP WORK ORDER MAY BE PLACED AT A LOCATION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTOR DUE TO ACTIONS IN VIOLATION OF THIS CODE."

(7) A NEW SECTION .09.20.03.29 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

"WATER LINES SHALL NOT BE INSTALLED IN EXTERIOR WALLS. EXTERIOR WALLS SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE ANY WALL NOT HEATED ON BOTH SIDES."

(8) A NEW SECTION .09.20.03.30 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. "WATER HEATERS AND CLOTHES WASHING MACHINES, WHEN INSTALLED IN OR ABOVE FINISHED AREAS, SHALL BE INSTALLED IN AN APPROVED PAN AND DRAINED TO APPROVED POINT OF DISCHARGE."

B. "WHERE REQUIRED, PANS SHALL BE OF APPROVED PLASTIC OR GALVANIZED METAL, BE LEAK PROOF, AND HAVE SIDES A MINIMUM OF THREE INCHES HIGH."

(9) A NEW SECTION .09.20.03.31 IS ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

"HANDICAPPED PLUMBING FIXTURES, MATERIALS AND CLEARANCES FOR THOSE FIXTURES SHALL BE AS SPECIFIED IN THE MARYLAND BUILDING CODE FOR THE HANDICAPPED."

1 (10) SUBSECTION 09.20.07.02A (1) IS DELETED AND THE
2 FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

3 "A GREASE INTERCEPTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED IN RESTAURANTS
4 AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, (EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES AS
5 DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY). THE MINIMUM SIZE OF
6 GREASE INTERCEPTORS SHALL BE ONE THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS."

7 (11) SUBSECTION 09.20.08.24A IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING
8 IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

9 A. "MINIMUM NUMBER OF FIXTURES. PLUMBING FIXTURES
10 SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR THE TYPE OF BUILDING AND OCCUPANCY IN THE
11 MINIMUM NUMBER AS SHOWN IN TABLE 7.24.1 OF THE 1988 EDITION OF THE
12 NATIONAL STANDARD PLUMBING CODE. REQUIREMENTS FOR TYPES OF
13 BUILDING OCCUPANCY NOT SHOWN IN TABLE 7.24.1 WILL BE CONSIDERED BY
14 THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY."

15 (12) SUBSECTION 09.20.10.01B(2) IS DELETED AND THE
16 FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

17 "SECTION B (1) ALSO APPLIES TO COMMERCIAL DISHWASHERS
18 AND CULINARY SINKS."

19 (13) SUBSECTION 09.20.11.06B IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING
20 IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

21 "WATER SERVICE NEAR SOURCES OF POLLUTION. POTABLE
22 WATER SERVICE PIPES MAY NOT BE LOCATED IN, UNDER, OR ABOVE
23 CESSPOOLS, SEPTIC TANK, SEPTIC TANK DRAINAGE, OR FIELDS OF SEEPAGE
24 PITS. A SEPARATION OF TEN (10) FEET SHALL BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN A
25 POTABLE WATER SUPPLY LINE AND SUCH AREAS MENTIONED ABOVE. WHERE
26 THE WATER SERVICE MUST CROSS THE SEWER LINE, THE LOWEST PART OF THE

1 WATER SERVICE, WITHIN TEN (10) FEET EACH SIDE OF THE CROSSING,
2 SHALL BE AT LEAST TWELVE (12) INCHES ABOVE THE TOP OF THE SEWER
3 LINE. IF THE WATER SERVICE CROSSES UNDER THE BUILDING SEWER IT
4 SHALL BE ENCLOSED IN A WATERTIGHT SLEEVE TO A POINT OF TEN (10)
5 FEET EACH SIDE OF THE POINT OF CROSSING."

6 (14) SUBSECTION 09.20.11.10A (1) IS DELETED AND THE
7 FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

8 "APPROVED PLASTIC WATER SERVICE PIPING TO THE POINT
9 OF ENTRANCE OF A BUILDING INCLUDING PIPING TO THE PRESSURE REDUCING
10 VALVE SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM PRESSURE RATING--250 P.S.I.--73F. OTHER
11 ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR A WATER SERVICE INCLUDE BRASS PIPE, COPPER
12 TUBE OR COPPER PIPE, AND CAST IRON WATER PIPE. COPPER TUBING WHEN
13 USED UNDER GROUND MAY NOT BE LESS THAN TYPE L. ALL THREADED
14 FERROUS PIPE AND FITTINGS SHALL BE GALVANIZED OR CEMENT LINED AND
15 WHEN USED UNDER GROUND IN CORROSIVE SOIL OR FILLED GROUND, SHALL BE
16 COAL TAR ENAMEL COATED, OR THE EQUIVALENT AND THREADED JOINTS SHALL
17 BE COATED AND WRAPPED WHEN INSTALLED."

18 (15) SUBSECTION 09.20.11.14H IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING
19 IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

20 "EXCESSIVE PRESSURES.

21 1. ON ALL PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AN APPROVED
22 PRESSURE REDUCING ~~VALUE~~ VALVE SHALL BE INSTALLED IN THE BUILDING
23 WATER SERVICE NEAR ITS POINT OF ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING. PRESSURE
24 TO THE BUILDING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SHALL BE LIMITED TO A
25 MAXIMUM PRESSURE OF 70 P.S.I.

26 2. ON ALL PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS, THE WATER

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SHALL BE ~~PROTECTED~~ RELIEVED OF PRESSURE FROM
THERMAL EXPANSION BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

A. AIR CHAMBERS WHEN EQUIPPED WITH AN ACCESSIBLE
MEANS FOR RESTORING THE AIR.

B. APPROVED MECHANICAL DEVICES.

EXCEPTION: PRESSURE AT ANY FIXTURES SHALL BE
LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 70 P.S.I. UNDER NO-FLOW CONDITIONS WHERE
THE WATER SERVICE PIPE SUPPLIES WATER DIRECTLY TO:

- 1) A WATER PRESSURE BOOSTER SYSTEM;
- 2) AN ELEVATED WATER GRAVITY TANK; OR
- 3) PUMPS PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH A
HYDROPNEUMATIC OR ELEVATED GRAVITY WATER SUPPLY TANK SYSTEM."

(16) SUBSECTION 09.20.12.02A (3) IS DELETED AND THE
FOLLOWING IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

"IN TRENCH WITH WATER SERVICE. IF THE BUILDING SEWER
IS INSTALLED IN THE SAME TRENCH AS THE WATER SERVICE, THE SEWER
PIPE MATERIAL SHALL BE OF DURABLE, CORROSION RESISTANT MATERIALS AS
DESIGNATED IN TABLE 09.20.04.01 OF THE CODE, AND INSTALLED SO AS TO
REMAIN WATER TIGHT AND ROOT ROOF."

(17) SUBSECTION 09.20.18.04B IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING
IS INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

"ALL PIPE AND FITTINGS SHALL WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE
REQUIREMENT IMPOSED BY COMBINED STATIC AND PRESSURE-HEAD OR A
MINIMUM RATED WORKING PRESSURE OF 160 P.S.I. AT 73°F OR BOTH."

(18) SECTION 09.20.20.01 IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING IS
INSERTED IN LIEU THEREOF:

1 "THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL FUEL GAS
2 CODE N.F.P.A-54-Z233.1--1988, WHICH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY
3 INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE UNDER BASIC PRINCIPLE (23), ARE HEREBY
4 ADOPTED AS THE INSTALLATION OF GAS APPLIANCES AND GAS PIPING
5 REQUIREMENTS."

6 SECTION 202-5. CERTIFICATION.

7 A. ALL PERSONS PERFORMING PLUMBING AND/OR GAS FITTING SERVICES
8 IN HARFORD COUNTY, SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION OF
9 PLUMBING SERVICES, AND SHALL HAVE A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF
10 REGISTRATION.

11 B. TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION, THE APPLICANT
12 SHALL HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED AND APPROVED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (1) THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PRACTICAL
14 PLUMBING; OR

15 (2) THE BALTIMORE COUNTY OR THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN
16 SANITARY DISTRICT.

17 C. MASTER PLUMBER/GAS FITTERS CERTIFICATE.

18 ANY APPLICANT WHO APPLIES FOR A MASTER CERTIFICATE TO
19 PERFORM THE PRACTICE OF PLUMBING OR GAS FITTING IN HARFORD COUNTY
20 SHALL PROVIDE THE PLUMBING SERVICES DIVISION WITH THE FOLLOWING
21 INFORMATION:

22 (1) CURRENT LICENSE NUMBER ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND STATE
23 BOARD OF PLUMBING OR OTHER ACCEPTED JURISDICTION;

24 (2) CURRENT BUSINESS ADDRESS WITH PHONE NUMBER; AND

25 (3) A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE EQUAL TO OR GREATER
26 THAN SUCH AMOUNT AS REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF

1 PLUMBING.

2 D. JOURNEYPERSON CERTIFICATE.

3 ANY JOURNEYPERSON PERFORMING THE PRACTICE OF PLUMBING OR
4 GAS FITTING IN HARFORD COUNTY SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION
5 OF PLUMBING SERVICES. TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
6 SUCH PERSON SHALL PROVIDE THE PLUMBING SERVICES DIVISION WITH THE
7 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

8 (1) CURRENT LICENSE NUMBER ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND STATE
9 BOARD OF PLUMBING OR OTHER ACCEPTED JURISDICTION; AND

10 (2) NAME OF CURRENT EMPLOYER WITH EMPLOYERS ADDRESS AND
11 PHONE NUMBER.

12 E. APPRENTICE CERTIFICATE.

13 ANY APPRENTICE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO ANY REGISTERED
14 MASTER PLUMBER OR GAS FITTER PROVIDING SERVICE IN HARFORD COUNTY
15 SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE DIVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES. TO
16 RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE
17 THE PLUMBING SERVICES DIVISION WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

18 (1) CURRENT LICENSE NUMBER ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND STATE
19 BOARD OF PLUMBING OR OTHER ACCEPTED JURISDICTION; AND

20 (2) NAME OF CURRENT EMPLOYER WITH EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS AND
21 PHONE NUMBER.

22 F. LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLATION LICENSE.

23 A LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTALLER'S LICENSE SHALL BE
24 ISSUED UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A TEST ADMINISTERED AND GRADED
25 BY THE HARFORD COUNTY PLUMBING BOARD.

26 G. WELL PUMP/WATER CONDITIONER INSTALLER'S CERTIFICATE.

1 ANY PERSON MAKING WELL PUMP/WATER CONDITIONER INSTALLATIONS
2 IN HARFORD COUNTY SHALL REGISTER WITH THE DIVISION OF PLUMBING
3 SERVICES. TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION THE APPLICANT
4 SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

5 (1) CURRENT MARYLAND STATE WELL PUMP/WATER CONDITIONER
6 INSTALLERS LICENSE;

7 (2) CURRENT PLACE OF BUSINESS WITH PHONE NUMBER; AND

8 (3) A CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE EQUAL TO OR GREATER
9 THAN SUCH AMOUNT AS REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF
10 PLUMBING.

11 H. MASTER LIMITED PLUMBER'S CERTIFICATE.

12 A MASTER LIMITED PLUMBERS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED TO A
13 CORPORATION, FIRM OR COMPANY NOT PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE PLUMBING
14 BUSINESS WHICH DESIRES TO DO PLUMBING WORK LIMITED TO MAINTENANCE
15 AND REPAIR, ALTERATIONS AND MINOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING PLUMBING
16 SYSTEMS ON THE PREMISES OCCUPIED BY IT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS
17 PRIMARY BUSINESS. SUCH LICENSE SHALL SPECIFY THE NAME OF THE
18 REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES EMPLOYED BY THE CORPORATION,
19 COMPANY OR FIRM UNDER WHOSE DIRECTION SUCH PLUMBING WORK SHALL BE
20 PERFORMED AND WHO SHALL BE QUALIFIED BY AN EXAMINATION BY THE
21 MARYLAND STATE PLUMBING BOARD.

22 I. JOURNEYPERSON LIMITED PLUMBER'S CERTIFICATE.

23 THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED TO ANY LIMITED JOURNEYPERSON
24 WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A PERSON WHO HAS A CURRENT MASTER
25 LIMITED PLUMBER'S CERTIFICATE.

26 J. PRACTICE OF PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING.

1 NO PERSON SHALL ENGAGE IN PLUMBING OR GAS FITTING AS
2 DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER IN HARFORD COUNTY, UNLESS THAT PERSON HAS
3 BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OF THE
4 FOREGOING CERTIFICATES.

5 K. FEES FOR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND EXAMS.

6 FEES SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 13 OF THE HARFORD
7 COUNTY CODE.

8 L. ALL SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL BE RENEWED EACH YEAR BY PAYMENT
9 OF RENEWAL FEE EQUAL TO THE ORIGINAL CHARGE SET FORTH HEREIN PRIOR
10 TO THE FIRST DAY OF MAY. SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL BE ISSUED FOR ONE
11 YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1ST, AND EXPIRING APRIL 30 IN THE SUCCEEDING
12 YEAR.

13 M. THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION,
14 SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE CERTIFICATE OF ANY PERSON WHO MAKES ANY FALSE
15 OR MISLEADING STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION, OR WHO SELLS, LENDS OR
16 OTHERWISE PERMITS ANY IMPROPER USE OF A CERTIFICATE OR WHO OBTAINS
17 PERMITS FOR OTHERS TO DO PLUMBING OR GAS FITTING WORK, OR WHO FAILS
18 TO MAINTAIN A REGULAR PLACE OF BUSINESS.

19 N. UPON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REQUESTS DIRECTED TO THE
20 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, IN ITS
21 DISCRETION, MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE CERTIFICATE OF ANY PERSON WHO
22 COMMITS ANY VIOLATION OF THE HARFORD COUNTY PLUMBING AND GAS
23 FITTING CODE OR ANY OTHER LAW OR REGULATION GOVERNING THE CONDUCT
24 OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING BUSINESS.

25 (1) NO CERTIFICATE SHALL BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED EXCEPT
26 AFTER PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF WHICH

1 THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL RECEIVE AT LEAST FIVE DAYS NOTICE IN
2 WRITING, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF THE CHARGES. UPON SUCH
3 HEARING, THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY MAY SUSPEND ANY CERTIFICATE
4 FOR SUCH A PERIOD OF TIME AS IT MAY FIND PROPER, OR MAY REVOKE
5 SAME.

6 (2) IN THE EVENT OF A REVOCATION, NO APPLICATION FOR THE
7 REINSTATEMENT OF A REVOKED CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ENTERTAINED UNTIL
8 THE EXPIRATION OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SUCH REVOCATION. AT
9 THE END OF SUCH SIX MONTH PERIOD, THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY MAY,
10 IN ITS DISCRETION, REINSTATE A REVOKED CERTIFICATE.

11 O. ANY CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATIVE
12 AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES OF LOCATION OF BUSINESS,
13 EMPLOYER, OR PHONE NUMBER.

14 SECTION 202-6. PERMITS.

15 A. NO WORK AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE, UNLESS EXCEPTED IN
16 THIS CHAPTER, SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT A PERMIT THEREFORE ISSUED
17 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS. ONLY
18 MASTER PLUMBERS/GAS FITTERS, MASTER GAS FITTERS, AND WELL PUMP/
19 WATER CONDITIONER INSTALLERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PERMITS
20 AND THEN ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO DO WORK
21 UNDER THIS CODE.

22 B. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO WORK DONE BY THE HOLDER OF
23 A MASTER LIMITED PLUMBER/GAS FITTER CERTIFICATE ON THE PREMISES OF
24 SUCH HOLDER PROVIDED THAT AN ANNUAL INSPECTION PERMIT HAS BEEN
25 OBTAINED. NO WORK SHALL BE COMMENCED BY THE HOLDER OF A MASTER
26 LIMITED PLUMBER/GAS FITTER'S CERTIFICATE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF

1 AN ANNUAL INSPECTION PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS,
2 LICENSES AND PERMITS.

3 C. A PLUMBING PERMIT REQUIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY
4 MAY BE ISSUED TO A BONAFIDE OWNER OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING
5 OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE OWNER TO DO ANY PLUMBING WORK REGULATED
6 BY THIS CODE ON THE DWELLING, ON CONDITION THAT SUCH WORK IS DONE
7 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CODE. THE OWNER MUST BE QUALIFIED BY THE
8 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY BEFORE A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED.

9 D. PERMITS NOT REQUIRED:

10 (1) GENERAL REPAIRS. NO PERMIT SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR THE
11 REPLACEMENT OF FAUCETS, BALL COCKS, EXPOSED FIXTURE TRAPS, OR SHUT-
12 OFF VALVES.

13 (2) STOPPAGES AND LEAKS. NO PERMIT SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR
14 THE CLEARING OF STOPPAGES OR REPAIRING OF LEAKS, WHEN SUCH REPAIRS
15 DO NOT REQUIRE THE REPLACEMENT OF PLUMBING FIXTURES OR ANY PORTION
16 OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

17 E. PERMIT FEES.

18 THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR
19 PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING WORK SHALL BE AS DESIGNATED IN CHAPTER
20 157 OF THE HARFORD COUNTY CODE, AS AMENDED.

21 F. TRANSFER OF PERMITS.

22 A PERMIT MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE MASTER PLUMBER/GAS
23 FITTER TO ANOTHER CERTIFIED MASTER PLUMBER/GAS FITTER WITH THE
24 PERMISSION OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY OR THE OWNER'S AGENT.
25 THERE WILL BE A SEVEN (7) DAY WAITING PERIOD BEFORE ISSUING A NEW
26 PERMIT. THE SEVEN (7) DAY WAITING PERIOD BEGINS WHEN THE DIVISION

1 OF PLUMBING SERVICES RECEIVES SUCH REQUEST FROM THE OWNER OR
2 OWNER'S AGENT. DURING THIS TIME THE ORIGINAL PLUMBER/GAS FITTER
3 WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY THAT
4 THE OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT HAS SUBMITTED SUCH REQUEST TO THE
5 DIVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES.

6 AFTER SEVEN (7) DAYS, A NEW PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED. AT THIS
7 TIME, THE NEW MASTER PLUMBER/GAS FITTER SHALL SIGN AN AGREEMENT
8 ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE PLUMBING/GAS FITTING JOB.
9 THE FEE FOR THE NEW PERMIT WILL BE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF WORK
10 REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED.

11 G. REVOCATION OF PERMITS.

12 THE DIVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION
13 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY MAY, AT ANY TIME, REVOKE FOR GOOD
14 CAUSE ANY PLUMBING OR GAS PERMIT PREVIOUSLY ISSUED. THE OWNER OF
15 A PROPERTY MAY, AT ANY TIME, IN WRITING, REQUEST THE REVOCATION OF
16 A PERMIT PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON SUCH
17 PROPERTY.

18 SECTION 202-7. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

19 ALL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED HEREIN SHALL BE DESIGNED
20 BY A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN
21 THE STATE OF MARYLAND EXCEPT THAT A MASTER PLUMBER/GAS FITTER OR
22 MASTER GAS FITTER REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN HARFORD COUNTY MAY
23 DESIGN PLUMBING OR GAS FITTING SYSTEMS FOR THEIR OWN INSTALLATION.
24 EACH SET OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED SHALL HAVE THEREON
25 THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE DESIGNER, AND CERTIFICATION BY THE
26 DESIGNER THAT THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATION HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN

1 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER. THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SHALL
2 BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND SHALL HAVE THEREON
3 COMPLETE DESIGN AND CALCULATION CRITERIA.

4 SECTION 202-8. PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS.

5 NO PROPERTY SERVED BY A PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM SHALL BE DIRECTLY
6 OR INDIRECTLY CONNECTED TO ANY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY UNTIL IT IS
7 DISCONNECTED FROM ITS ORIGINAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY, INSPECTED AND
8 APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, AND CONNECTED IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE.

10 SECTION 202-9. INSPECTION OF PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING.

11 A. THE DIVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES SHALL CAUSE THE
12 INSPECTION OF ALL PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING FOR WHICH A PLUMBING OR
13 GAS PERMIT, OTHER THAN AN ANNUAL INSPECTION PERMIT, IS REQUIRED IN
14 HARFORD COUNTY DURING THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND UPON
15 COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION. IF ANY DEFECTS ARE FOUND, THE
16 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ORDER SUCH
17 PLUMBING OR GAS FITTING TO BE CORRECTED TO COMPLY WITH THE
18 PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO
19 COVER OR ENCLOSE FROM VIEW ANY PORTIONS OF SUCH PLUMBING OR GAS
20 FITTING PRIOR TO THE TIME THAT THE DIVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES
21 HAS INSPECTED AND APPROVED IT. THE DIVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES
22 SHALL PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT OF ALL SUCH INSPECTIONS AND WILL
23 MAINTAIN SUCH REPORT IN AN APPROPRIATE FILE.

24 B. NO POTABLE WELL WATER SERVICE LINE OR WELL FOR POTABLE
25 WATER SUPPLY SHALL BE COVERED OR ENCLOSED FROM VIEW PRIOR TO
26 INSPECTION BY THE DIVISION OF PLUMBING SERVICES. THE SERVICE LINE

1 AND ALL UNDERGROUND FITTINGS CONNECTED THERETO SHALL BE TESTED FOR
2 LEAKS AND OVERALL INTEGRITY PRIOR TO COVERING AND ENCLOSING THE
3 LINE.

4 SECTION 202-10. EMERGENCY WORK.

5 WHEN WORK OF AN EMERGENCY NATURE MUST BE PERFORMED TO RECTIFY
6 A POSSIBLE HEALTH HAZARD OR DANGEROUS CONDITION THE MASTER PLUMBER/
7 GAS FITTER, MASTER GAS FITTER, OR WATER PUMP CONTRACTOR, AS THE
8 CASE MAY BE, MAY UNDERTAKE SUCH WORK PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A
9 PERMIT, BUT IT WILL BE HIS OR HER RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE
10 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE EMERGENCY AND OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR
11 DOING SUCH WORK WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS.

12 SECTION 202-11. PIPING THROUGH ADJACENT PROPERTY.

13 SEWER, WATER AND GAS PIPING SHALL NOT BE CONNECTED OR
14 INSTALLED ON A PROPERTY OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY TO BE SERVED.
15 PLUMBING OR GAS PIPING CONNECTIONS WHICH CANNOT BE MADE EXCEPT BY
16 THE CROSSING OF NON-SERVICED PROPERTY, MAY, WITH THE PERMISSION OF
17 THE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, BE CARRIED THROUGH A RIGHT-OF-WAY OR
18 EASEMENT ACROSS NON-SERVICED PROPERTY PROVIDED THAT:

19 (1) ALL PRIVILEGES OF SUCH RIGHT-OF-WAY OR EASEMENT ARE
20 OBTAINED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER DESIRING SERVICE, WITHOUT ANY COST
21 OR LIABILITY TO HARFORD COUNTY;

22 (2) SUCH EASEMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL MEET ALL
23 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION; AND

24 (3) SUCH EASEMENT OR RIGHT-OF-WAY SHALL BE GRANTED AND
25 CONVEYED BY FORMAL DEED RECORDED IN THE LAND RECORDS OF HARFORD
26 COUNTY.

1 SECTION 202.12. WATER CONSERVATION.

2 A. PLUMBING SHALL BE DESIGNED AND ADJUSTED TO USE THE
3 MINIMUM QUANTITY OF WATER CONSISTENT WITH PROPER PERFORMANCE AND
4 CLEANING AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS
5 ESTABLISHED IN THE MARYLAND STATE PLUMBING CODE.

6 B. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY.

7 THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY INSTITUTE MEASURES CONSISTENT
8 WITH COUNCILMANIC POLICY AND ADOPT PLANS TO INCREASE THE WATER
9 SUPPLY OF THE COUNTY AND DECREASE CONSUMPTION SUCH AS, BUT NOT
10 LIMITED TO, REQUIRING THE USE OF FIXTURES AS STATED HEREIN, AND
11 REQUIRING A LIMITED USE OF POTABLE WATER FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN
12 FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND USE.

13 SECTION 202-13. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

14 ~~A. ANY PERSON VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE~~
15 ~~SHALL FORFEIT TO THE COUNTY NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE (\$25) DOLLARS~~
16 ~~OR MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED (\$500) DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION. EACH~~
17 ~~DAY THE VIOLATION CONTINUES CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE OFFENSE.~~

18 [B.]A. ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION WHO INDIVIDUALLY,
19 COLLECTIVELY, OR THROUGH OTHERS SHALL CONSTRUCT, ERECT, ALTER OR
20 REPAIR ANY PLUMBING OR GAS FITTING WORK IN VIOLATION OF ANY
21 PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE
22 AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE
23 THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS OR IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN SIX (6)
24 MONTHS OR BOTH. EACH DAY A VIOLATION EXISTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED A
25 SEPARATE VIOLATION.

26 [C.]B. HARFORD COUNTY MAY ALSO PROCEED BY CIVIL INJUNCTION

- 1 IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CHAPTER.
- 2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT THIS ACT SHALL TAKE
- 3 EFFECT SIXTY (60) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE IT BECOMES LAW.

EFFECTIVE: January 20, 1992

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AS AMENDED

BY THE COUNCIL

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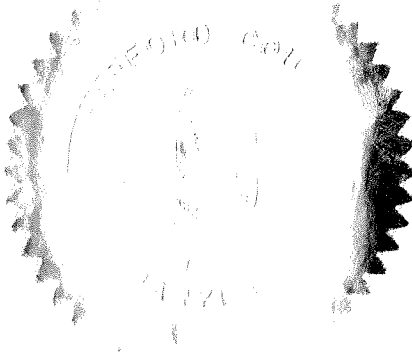
Passed: LSD 91-33 (November 12, 1991)

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for her approval this 13th day of November, 1991 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Doris Poulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Lillian M. Redman
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Date November 20, 1991

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, (No. 91-55 As Amended), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on November 20, 1991.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

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